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- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in the International Preliminary Report. An English language version of the International Preliminary Report is attached for the Examiner's information. See Reference 1.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See Reference 1.
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- ☒ 5. The two outstanding references listed in the International Preliminary Report were previously submitted in a Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 20, 2006.

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